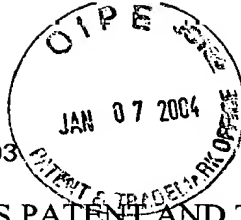


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**Applicant:** Silvia Allegro et al.  
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**AMENDMENT "D"**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action of September 4, 2003, paper no. 14. By this amendment, twenty-one total claims remain pending, five of which are independent claims. The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on December 4, 2003. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended, for one month, through January 4, 2004. The enclosed check for \$1,070 is to cover the \$110 extension of time fee, the \$770 RCE filing fee and the \$190 fee for two additional independent claims in excess of three and one additional claim in excess of twenty which remain pending in this application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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